

What's What in Sports
All the Time

BASEBALL IS NOW KING OF SPORTS

MAJOR LEAGUE FANS ARE HAPPY AT LAST

Race for 1910 Pennants Launched Before Great Crowds Everywhere

America is again baseball crazy. Baseball has been for years called the origin of the game has seen more and more interest in the work of the leagues, clubs and players.

The start of the 1910 season yesterday evidenced the increased interest in the game where the major league teams played Washington for the first time in the history of the United States took part in the inaugural game. Other opening features marked the opening of the 1910 season as exceptional.

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Washington	1	0	1.000
Brooklyn	1	0	1.000
Cleveland	1	0	1.000
Boston	1	0	1.000
New York	0	0	.000
St. Louis	0	1	.000
Philadelphia	0	1	.000
Detroit	0	1	.000

WASHINGTON TAKES FIRST.

Washington, April 14.—The opening of the American league season in Washington today, between the local and Philadelphia clubs, was a most auspicious one. President and Mrs. Taft, Vice President Sherman and many other notables were present. The locals won by the shutout score, 3 to 0.

For the first time on record, a president of the United States tossed out the first ball, and sat throughout the entire nine innings and seemed to enjoy the contest. The attendance broke all records.

The game was stubbornly contested. Walter Johnson being the particular star. He held the visitors down to one lone hit and the locals were never in danger.

Plank, on the other hand, was hit hard, 13 hits for a total of 19 bases being the Washingtons' batting record. The fielding was exceptionally clean and sensational.

The big crowd entirely surrounded the playing field and a two-base hit rule had to be adopted. Score: R. H. E.
Washington.....3 13 1
Philadelphia.....0 1 0
Batteries—Johnson and Street; Plank and Thomas.

WHITE SOX ON TOP.

Chicago, April 14.—Chicago defeated St. Louis, 3 to 0, today, in the opening game of the season. The Sox pitched a great game, holding the visitors to one hit, and only one St. Louis man reached second base. The winners played well. Score: R. H. E.
Chicago.....3 13 1
St. Louis.....0 1 0
Batteries—Graham, Lake and Stephens; Smith and Payne.

MULLIN OVERTAINED.

Detroit, April 14.—Cleveland and Detroit sawed their way through a nine-inning game that finally was won by the visitors, 9 to 7. Joss started badly, but braced in the fourth and was unhit until the ninth and then pitched well. He held his speed, and seemed overtained. He was wild at the start and was hit often and hard from the fifth inning on. Cleveland was the star, driving in four runs. A new attendance record for an inaugural day was set. Score: R. H. E.
Cleveland.....14 12 2
Detroit.....10 11 2
Batteries—Joss and Clarke; Mullin and Stunage.

14 INNING TIE.

New York, April 14.—The New York and Boston Americans battled for fourteen innings today, until darkness stopped the game with the score 4 to 4. The contest was witnessed by an assemblage so large spectators crowded on the playing field.

Wood held the locals at his mercy. His work, however, was not as good as Vaughn's. The New York left-hander never faltered in the early innings, and gained strength as the game proceeded. He was not scored on after the fifth, and hit struck out seven men. Lord and Hemphill led in stick work. Chase played a wonderful game at first base for New York. Score: R. H. E.
Boston.....14 12 2
New York.....4 11 3
Batteries—Clocite, Wood and Carrigan; Vaughn and Sweeney.

WANT SUNDAY BALL.

Pittsburg, April 14.—Sunday baseball or no fire protection is the ultimatum of the Stowe township volunteer firemen to the commissioners. The five companies of fifty men each are backed by a large number of residents of the township who demand baseball on Sunday. The firemen declare that if it is unlawful to play ball on Sunday they will enforce every other blue law on the statute books.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

At Minneapolis—Kansas City, 6; Minneapolis, 6.
At Columbus—Columbus, 9; Louisville, 1.
At St. Paul—Milwaukee, 2; St. Paul, 1.
At Toledo—Indianapolis, 2; Toledo, 3.
Ten innings.

At Princeton—Exhibition game: Princeton, 1; Albany, New York State, 4.
At Hartford—Yale, 7; Hartford College, 2.

LAWS AND MEDICS.

The first of a series of three games for the championship of the University between the laws and medics will be held on the Fort Douglas field this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The game is one of the most interesting ones of the year, as the laws and the medics are continually striving for the championship of the departments.

PARIS RACES.

Paris, April 14.—The Prix Achères, a steeplechase handicap for \$2,800, 2 miles and five furlongs, run at Auteuil today, was won by J. E. Widener's Mr. McCann.

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The stars and the Western Electric teams will meet at Liberty park, Saturday afternoon, in a match game. This will be the second game between the two teams, and a good game is looked for. In the first contest the Electric boys managed to nose out the Stars by a score of 9 to 8.

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DWIGHT TAFT "FAN" THROWS FIRST BALL

Starts American League Play at Washington and Home Team Wins.

Washington, April 14.—President Taft today enjoyed the novel experience of seeing the Washington American league team win a ball game. Last year he saw Washington play Boston late in the season, but the local players got stage fright when the President arrived and threw away the game.

Mr. Taft remarked then that he must be a "hoodoo," and remained away from the ball park the rest of the season. This morning President Taft of the Washington club went to the White House and presented the President with baseball pass No. 1. Mr. Taft showed his appreciation by using it later in the day. Accompanied by Mrs. Taft and his military aide, the President squeezed his way through the jam of baseball enthusiasts who had gathered at the park for the opening game of the season between Washington and Philadelphia.

Mr. Taft took an active part in the game. Just before play was started, Umpire (Daily) Evans made his way to the Taft box in the right wing of the grand stand and presented the President with a new ball. The President took the sphere in his gloved hand as though he were at a loss as to what to do with it, until Evans told him he was expected to throw it over the plate when he gave the signal. He handed the ball to Mrs. Taft, who weighed it carefully in her hand while the President was doffing his light new kid gloves in preparation for a debut as a baseball pitcher.

A BIT NERVOUS.

The President watched the players warm up and a few minutes later shook hands with the managers, McAleer and Mack. When the bell rang for the beginning of the game the President shifted uneasily in his seat, the umpire gave the signal and Mr. Taft raised his arm. Catcher Street stood at the home plate ready to receive the ball, but the President knew the pitcher was the man who usually began business operations with it, so he threw it straight to Fletcher Walker Johnson. The throw was a little low, but the pitcher stuck out his long arm and grabbed the ball before it hit the ground. The ball was never actually put in play, as it is to be retained as a souvenir of the occasion.

As the game progressed and Washington maintained the lead it took at the outset, the President became as enthusiastic as others and applauded the brilliant work of the young Washington pitcher. He insisted on remaining until the last Philadelphia had been retired. Vice President Sherman, who rarely misses a game when he can get away, witnessed the contest from another box and cheered as much as the President. Out of the victory as did the President.

COAST LEAGUE

Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Vernon	11	4 .733
Portland	8	7 .571
Los Angeles	7	7 .500
San Francisco	7	7 .500
Oakland	4	9 .305
Sacramento	4	10 .286

NELSON BLANKS ANGELS.

Oakland, April 14.—Because of steady pitching, Nelson, the Oakland twirler, held Los Angeles in the blank column, allowing only two hits and defeating the visitors, 6 to 0. Score: R. H. E.
Oakland.....6 10 1
Los Angeles.....0 2 2
Batteries—Nelson and Mitzel; Delhi and Orendorf.

HAVE SEALS' GOAT.

Los Angeles, April 14.—Vernon made it three straight against San Francisco. Today was a 4 to 3 score, but the northern team fought gamely for twelve innings. Score: R. H. E.
Vernon.....4 10 1
San Francisco.....3 8 4
Batteries—Schaefer, Hitt and Brown, Hogan; Willis and Williams.

THREE FOR DUCKS.

Sacramento, April 14.—Portland made it three straight today, winning from Sacramento, 5 to 1. Score: R. H. E.
Portland.....5 10 1
Sacramento.....1 6 3
Batteries—Seaton and Fisher; Brown, Fitzgerald and La Lone.

KID HUMMEL SIGNED.

Kid Hummel, the local pitcher who each season has shown improved class, was yesterday signed by Manager Good of the Salt Lake baseball club. Hummel is the first player to put his name to a Salt Lake contract for 1910. Manager Good is busy lining up a team that will play ball in the fall.

At Murray Manager Margetts has signed Al Gunn, Mann, Scott and Pearson.

"What is O'Connell doing?" is the cry now. Some of the wise ones say, however, that Dad Gimin and his Junction city crew is at work and when the time comes will spring something real in the pennant chasing line. The Occidentals are expected to get here next week.

FIGHT CALLED OFF.

Los Angeles, April 14.—The proposed 45-round bout here on April 21 between Frankie Conley and Danny Webster for the bantamweight championship has been declared off by Promoter McCarrey, the fighters not being able to agree on the number of rounds. Webster wanted 25 rounds after having agreed to 45, according to Conley, while the latter declared that it would be 35 or nothing.

WHISK BROOM SECOND.

Newmarket, April 14.—The Craven stakes of 50 sovereigns for the stayers of 3 years old, was run here today, and was won by Lord Roseberry's derby favorite, Self Gow, which was followed in by H. P. Whitney's Whisk Broom. Treasidy was third.

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MANAGER OF THE BROWNS



JACK O'CONNOR.

As successor of Jimmy McAleer as manager of the St. Louis Americans during the coming season, is Jack O'Connor, veteran catcher. And there are a few other jobs in baseball just a bit more desirable than the task laid for him of pulling the Browns out of the mire.

Ever since McAleer took hold of the St. Louis club, in 1902, there have been hopes of pennants down in Missouri. There is nothing doing as yet and will not be this season, although O'Connor can be expected to bring the club a little higher, although the first division in the American circuit this season will be just a little crowded without him. In only one year since St. Louis took the place in the American has the club been a first division outfit. This was in 1908, when at one time it looked as though the Browns might have serious designs on the pennant.

This season O'Connor finds himself with the remnants of the Browns of other years, and many of them on the shady side of their baseball careers, with such pitchers as Howell, Pelly and Waddell.

In the outfield there are George Stone, star batsman of 1907; Schweitzer, who has shown well the past two seasons; Demmitt, secured from New York; Hoffman, a holdover from 1900, and Fisher, a recruit. During the winter Bill Asteins was secured from Pittsburgh to play first; Oleson is practically sure of his job at second to succeed Jimmy Williams, with Bobby Wallace again back at short and Hartzell on third. Utility roles are to be assumed by Corridon and Devole.

Strenuous efforts are being made to make a catcher out of Griggs to work with Stevens. The pitching staff must be taken up by these regulars: Fowlie, Lake, Pelly, Graham, Waddell, Howell and Dode Criss. Altogether it isn't hardly right for the Missourians to expect a first division berth this season.

JEFF SHOWS GINGER BUT IS WORRIED ABOUT WIFE'S HEALTH

Ben Lomond, Cal., April 14.—Refreshed by his relaxation and diversion yesterday afternoon, James J. Jeffries returned to the training grind this afternoon with more ginger in his work. With less than 30 visitors watching him, the gymnasium with its largest crowd since Jeffries began his training.

The first stunt on the program was three rounds of boxing with Bob Armstrong, the colored heavyweight. Commencing with defensive tactics in the first round with a view of improving his speed and footwork, Jeffries, who is not much given to backhacking away from the ring, Armstrong was glad when it was over. Jeffries' speed was a trifle better than last Monday, but it was evident that he still needs a lot of boxing practice to be anything like his former self.

Bag punching and handball followed, and when the stunts were finished perspiration fairly rolled off him. Fast as Jeffries appeared, Manager Sam Berger thought the undefeated champion was a bit off in his work.

"He's worried," said Berger, "and I know his heart isn't in anything he did this afternoon. I may have seemed to the casual onlooker that he showed play of ginger and life, but I know him too well."

Jeffries is much worried over the impending death of his wife. Jeffries left tonight for Oakland, where he is to go under the surgeon's knife Saturday morning. Her illness and death have cast a gloom over him and puts an end to plans made for a party tomorrow night in honor of Jeffries' birthday. He will be 35 tomorrow, at least that is his age as given out by Berger. Under the circumstances it is not likely that he would enter any festivities.

THE ADVANCE BULLETINS

AT PHILADELPHIA.

Philadelphia, April 14.—With new owners a new directing hotel, a new manager, Fred Lake Clark, the Boston National league baseball club opened its season today. The Phillies, who have been tossed about on the baseball market for the last few years, never started a season with brighter hopes. The new management has in fact been able to agree on the number of rounds. Webster wanted 25 rounds after having agreed to 45, according to Conley, while the latter declared that it would be 35 or nothing.

AT BOSTON.

Boston, April 14.—Strengthened, it is believed, by the acquisition of young but tried players, and with a new manager, Fred Lake Clark, the Boston National league team today faced the New York Nationals in the opening game for the league championship in this city. It was the fortieth anniversary of major league baseball inaugurated in Boston and the management arranged an elaborate program. Besides Governor Draper, Mayor Fitzgerald, who tossed out the first ball, and other local dignitaries, President Thomas J. Lynch and Secretary-Treasurer John A. Heydler of the National league were among the guests.

AT ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, April 14.—The Pittsburgh Nationals opened the baseball season here today with the St. Louis team. The weather and grounds were perfect. The line-up with the exception of Sharpe at first base, as was used last fall. Camnitz was picked to pitch for the visitors. The local team decided to have Willis pitch against his former teammates.

AT CHICAGO.

Chicago, April 14.—The Chicago Americans opened the local baseball season today with St. Louis as his opponent. Neither manager O'Connor nor Duffy would make a definite announcement of the outcome of the game. A new lecher, seating 2,000 people, raised a barrier, cutting off the "wild-cat" stands that for years have furnished "ten-cent" seats in Detroit. Mullen was scheduled to pitch for Detroit and Joss for Cleveland.

AT NEW YORK.

New York, April 14.—It's "play ball" today, and the opening of the baseball season was a magnet to draw thousands to the American league park to see the Boston "Red Sox" and the Highlanders engaged in the initial fray. The Bostonians have pennant hopes and Manager Donnan said before the game that every member of his team was fit. The weather is ideal.

AT WASHINGTON.

Washington, April 14.—Perfect weather and perfect grounds contributed to the opening game here between the Washington Nationals and Philadelphia today. With slight changes, the Washington team is nearly the same which ended the race for the pennant here last season.

15 DAYS AHEAD.

Willoughby, O., April 14.—Edward Payson Weston left here at 6:30 o'clock today, resuming the fifty-sixth day of his walk from Los Angeles, fifteen days ahead of his schedule.

PATHFINDER'S TRIP.

Louisville, Ky., April 14.—The Glidden tour pathfinder car, piloted by D. H. Lewis, left here today for Bowling Green, Ky., about 125-mile run. The weather was splendid.

LANGFORD WINS OVER BARRY IN SIXTEENTH

Los Angeles, April 14.—In a battle which demonstrated the ability of Sam Langford of Boston as a human fighting machine and added to the reputation of Jim Barry of Chicago, only a tribute to the gameness and ability to withstand punishment, the "Boston Demon" sent his white antagonist to the mat for the final count in the sixteenth round at the Vernon arena today.

"It was a vicious go from start to finish, with the negro well in the lead after the first half dozen rounds. From the tenth in which Barry had been twice knocked down for the count of nine, until the sixteenth, when a straight left to the chin ended the combat. It was wholly one-sided. Langford landed upon his man almost at will, and victory for him by the knock-out route appeared to be only a matter of time.

Barry surprised the ringside crowd with the strength he displayed, despite the terrific bombardment and a rally in the fifteenth inspired his backers with the hope that he would yet outlast the ultimate winner.

While the men did not weigh in before the fight, it was said that a difference in the weight of 80 pounds favored the white fighter. Barry's nose was given a 196 and that of Langford at 168. In the clinches the white man showed far the stronger of the two, being cautioned by the referee several times for nearly throwing Langford to the floor.

The two gladiators went at one another viciously at the sound of the gong for the first round. There was slugging and fighting at close range in the second and both men were bleeding at the mouth when they went to their corners.

In the clinch near the end of the third round Barry almost threw Langford through the ropes. From then until the eighth the milling was a mixture of terrific slugging rallies and in-fighting.

Barry throwing the negro around roughly in the clinches and undergoing severe punishment whenever they fought at long range. Several times during the eighth and succeeding rounds the white man was hoisted for wrestling. Langford showed the utmost good nature.

"Stop Your Tackling."

"Stop your tackling," he admonished during one of the clinches. "You can't win that way. Langford cut loose after the eighth round and was constantly trying for a knockout. Barry fought back gamely and at times rushed his lighter opponent to the ropes.

In the tenth round the negro executed a coup in ring tactics. Getting Barry near the ropes, he suddenly exerted all his strength and threw the white man nose and teeth into a stream from his rebound, landed a terrific swing flush on the jaw. Barry dropped for the count of nine.

After that time it was only a question of how long Barry could endure the punishment. His left eye, which had been open early in the fight, was almost closed; his cheeks were puffed and blood flowed from his nose and mouth. The last four rounds were marked by a succession of slugging matches. It was during one of these hard rallies in the sixteenth round that the Bostonian caught his almost exhausted opponent with a straight left to the chin that ended the combat.

RICH STAKES ANNOUNCED BY UTAH JOCKEY CLUB

Yesterday the Utah Jockey club announced the list of stakes to be run at the spring meeting, June 6 to July 21. Seven stakes, for which more than \$7,000 in purses is given, are on the slate, making by far the most brilliant array of features ever offered by a race meeting in the intermountain country.

Entry blanks were sent yesterday to all the big tracks in the country and long before the meeting opens the nominations are expected to show some of the best thoroughbreds in the country. The list guarantees on an average more than one feature a week. In order in which they will be run the stakes are:

Cullen Hotel handicap of \$1,000, for 3-year-olds and upward, six furlongs. Buena Vista selling stakes of \$1,000, for 3-year-olds and upward, one mile and a sixteenth. Salt Lake selling handicap of \$1,000, for 3-year-olds and upward, seven furlongs.

Juvenile handicap of \$500, for 2-year-olds, four and one-half furlongs. Independence handicap of \$1,200, for 2-year-olds and upward, one mile and an eighth. Utah derby of \$1,200, for 3-year-olds, one mile and an eighth.

Farewell handicap of \$1,000, for 3-year-olds and upward, one mile. This list of stakes is sure to attract to Buena Vista some of the best animals now in training. Nominations will come from every owner who thinks he has a horse who can win the rich purse. Where there will be many withdrawals as it is seen the animal cannot get in condition or has injured itself, the fields are sure to be both large and strong, and the feature events of the meeting can be expected to produce great sport. The stake entries close April 30.

ROSS AND BELL.

The amateur boxing fans are showing a good deal of interest in the headliner at the Manhattan club Monday night between Kid Ross and Kid Bell. Each has shown fast work at the club bouts, and with the rivalry that exists between the two added the bout should be a real one.

JOHNNY MURPHY DIES.

San Francisco, April 14.—Johnny Murphy, one of the best known light-weight prizefighters in the west, died today of tuberculosis at Silver City, N. M., where he had been in the hope of regaining his health. A dispatch announcing his death was received by Ed Nolan, his former manager.

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